

Dulles Worse, Weakened by Pneumonia

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General Condition
Declines; Family
Gathering Here

By the Associated Press

John Foster Dulles, fighting cancer and pneumonia, is reported to be getting steadily weaker.

The State Department reported "some further decline" in the condition of the 71-year-old former Secretary of State yesterday.

Today his condition was reported unchanged at Walter Reed Army Hospital where he has been a patient since February 12.

Members of his family have gathered in Washington and the State Department has said medical bulletins will be issued only if required by any change.

Those Who Came Here

These members of his family were reported to have come here from their homes:

A son, John Dulles, an engineer in Mexico City; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Hingham, New York City; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Edwards, Rye, N. Y.

Also in Washington—their normal residences—are these family members:

Mr. Dulles' wife, Janet; his brother, Allen, head of the Central Intelligence Agency; a sister, Eleanor, a State Department specialist on Germany; and a son, Avery, a Jesuit priest studying here.

Mr. Dulles contracted pneumonia a week ago after many weeks of treatment for cancer that has spread throughout his body.

In 1956, an operation had removed a cancerous growth from the colon. This February, in the course of a hernia operation, Army doctors discovered that the cancer had spread.

They gave Mr. Dulles high-dose treatment, both with a cobalt X-ray machine and with a radioactive gold compound to his abdomen.

In April Mr. Dulles left the hospital briefly for a stay at

For a time it even appeared that his tremendous powers of recuperation and will to go on would prevail. Then on April 12 he returned to the hospital.

The doctors reported the cancer had spread to his neck.

On April 15 President Eisenhower, with great reluctance, announced Mr. Dulles' resignation as Secretary of State. The President retained Mr. Dulles as a personal consultant.

Cleared Way for Herter

Mr. Dulles reportedly forged Mr. Eisenhower's hand in the resignation, so that the way would be clear for Christian A. Herter to take over as Secretary and carry on the duties Mr. Dulles had borne for six years.

Last week Sir Winston Churchill, Britain's great wartime Prime Minister, was here on a visit. He and Mr. Eisenhower went to Walter Reed to pay their respects to Mr. Dulles, who greeted them from a wheelchair.